

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/581,772, filed June 15, 2000 and entitled "Microparticles With Adsorbent Surfaces, Methods of Making Same, and Uses Thereof," which is a 371 of PCT/US99/17308, filed July 29, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/285,855, filed April 2, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of US Patent Application Serial No. 09/124,533, filed July 29, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of US Patent Application Serial No. 09/015,652, filed January 29, 1998, which claims the benefit of priority to US Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/036,316, filed January 30, 1997 and US Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/069,749, filed December 16, 1997. Each of the above-referenced applications is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.